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A ceremonial dance in Toradja, Celebes

These houses are very similar to the Batak people's houses in Sumatra among whom the Methodist Church has a large work

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Important Notices

THE NEW EDITOR

BISHOP R. L. ARCHER has asked me to announce that the Rev. Robert F. Lundy, pastor of the Wesley Church, Klang, will become Editor of *The Malaysia Message* following the session of the *Malaya Annual Conference* to be held in Kuala Lumpur January 2-6. Mr. Lundy has contributed considerable material to the magazine since his arrival in Malaya. He has had journalistic training in the university prior to coming to Malaya and has shown great interest in the magazine since his arrival. Miss Helen M. Loomis will continue as *Managing Editor*, and all subscriptions and payments should be sent to her until further notice. The Correspondents will remain the same until the new editor has made his own arrangements.—H. B. Amstutz.

YOUR SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE

NOTICES HAVE BEEN SENT to all who are in arrears on their subscriptions and a great effort was made by *The Malaysia Message* office to have all subscriptions paid through December so that they may begin with the calendar year. It will greatly simplify the work of this office if all will respond.

Most of your subscriptions are now due and we trust you will immediately send in your payment for 1952 if you have not already done so,. The new subscription rate is $2.50 per current year, and in bulk subscription of 10 or more to a single address 20 cents per copy. It is hoped that pastors and principals of schools will send in their bulk subscriptions early. In the meantime all will receive the same number of copies as were ordered in 1951 and will continue to do so until further notice.

TRINITY COLLEGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHINESE DEPARTMENT: School year 1952.

The Board of Governors announces that Trinity College will open the Chinese Department of the Theological College on January 14, offering the same courses in Chinese that are now being offered in English. The Chinese Department will run on the Calendar Year and the First Term will begin on January 14, 1952.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT: School Year 1951/52.

Second Term: January 14 — March 28
Third Term: March 31 — June 20.
(Easter Holidays April 4 — 14)

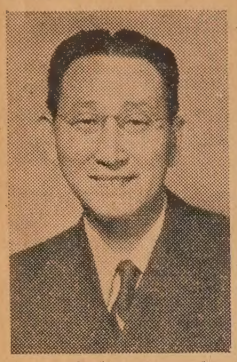
A CORRECTION

WE REGRET that somehow the Volume number in the last two issues of 1951 was altered from No. 55 to No. 56. This was a mistake. Volume No. 56 begins with January 1952.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE M. C. C.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Malayan Christian Council will be held at the Trinity College, Singapore, on January 11,

● *This sermon is by the pastor of the Penang Chinese Church.*



Our Methodist Pulpit

THE CHRISTIAN UNDERSTANDING OF GOD

REV. M. T. FANG

THE FAITH of the Christian Church in her message to this world in turmoil has not changed its meaning and content since she first received it from the days of the Apostolic Fathers. Bishop Faber in his praise to God wrote the famous hymn:

"Faith of our Fathers, living still
We will strive to win all nations unto Thee,
And through the truth that comes from God,
Mankind shall then be truly free.
Faith of our Fathers holy faith!"

This faith is the implicit simple belief that "faith" is "Forsake all I take Him," without any dogmatic or philosophy. We have reached a point in our time when man's frail grasp upon the world compounds his sense of insecurity. We must find the strength and guidance that comes from God or lose ourselves in the vagaries of human doubt and incorrigible error. God can make His word prevail in the world without alien philosophies which blurr and distort the full faith. In this hour of world conflict, when human thought is so often confused and perverted by fantastic "ism" and theories spun out of men's own minds, it is almost impossible to preserve the Divine word without a passionate intellectual effort to re-think its meaning and its contents.

Dr. Rall writes: "God is not one of our religious beliefs, he is the belief. He is not one doctrine; he is the heart of all doctrine. God is a personal spirit and so are we. We live, therefore, first of all by the feeding of our spirits. He who makes theology more important than worship kills the Church. He who substitutes learning for prayer kills the church. He who replaces the tent of revelation by the theological seminary kills the Church. Truth is one as God is one. The whole man thinking in relation to the ultimate is religious faith. Faith is the necessary selection of some ultimate which man does by his very living. All live by faith and think by faith. A God centred faith may express itself in evengelistic fervour. Unless we can testify simply and clearly as to what Christ means to us and for the world, we surely have little faith to share. The authentic of what God has done in history and in His atonement witness of what God has done in history and in His atonement for us is the heart beat of faith. This faith demands embodiment in personal and inter-personal relations, in social codes and legislation in personal life even at the risk of current social disapproval."

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son..... This is the nutshell of our relationship to God and to the world through His redemption. The incarnation of the Son of God was one of the greatest events in the history of the universe. The advent of the Redeemer is revealed to the shepherds who kept their flocks of sheep by night. The glad tidings were made known also to wise men, the magi, students of the stars. The incarnation of Jesus Christ is primarily the work of God. As such it is a miracle. It is usually connected with the life of Jesus and no human life of Jesus and no human life can ever tell the final truth about God. God's love solves our problem, in life and thought and that alone is sure. The life and teaching of Jesus are there like a stubborn rock to be accepted and to be explained in the light of God's work, which is our primary perspective. He is eternal, the world is temporal. It cannot be understood except through God's presence in it as activity. Dr. Ferre wrote, "Christ is the *kairos* who enacts the eternal *logos*. The one aspect of God as love is thus self-existing and self-directing being. God as love, moreover is both actual and potential. God is subject; and a subject is loved, without them God is defined in terms of being rather than being in terms of God. God as reality both is and becomes by nature, for he is love. If love is the principle and power of becoming, the very nature of love is to share His being. To love is to give. To love is to create. To love is to keep fulfilling. To love is to be by becoming. What is Faith as Brunner asks, except the affirmation of love, the understanding that God is perfectly concerned with our welfare and has done what is required for our salvation. The whole life of Jesus was an atonement. Atonement is God's work in bringing wayward man back to Him and to the fellowship for which he was intended. His atonement is love that walked in human life full of grace and truth and dared to die in loyalty to God's right for the world and is the only kind of love that pays for the world's sins by dying. He reveals the changeless love of God."

During the Christmas season the Church rejoices, "Hark the herald angels sing." God with us. It is a stray note from the sonnets of paradise. Tell it, tell it, this is the name of him who is born to-day. God with us. It is hell's terror. Satan trembles at the sound of it. It is our strength in this period of turmoil and unrest and in Him we have Peace and security. To overcome the Communist forces by the strength of arms and abandon the arms of Jesus Christ in the heat of battle would leave us in a godless chaos. May we have that simple Faith in Him, always active to this Christian challenge and face the task that is before us and bring about that *Peace on earth and Goodwill toward men.* So may our gracious God deal with us from the beginning of the New Year to the end of the year through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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EDITORIAL

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH and the world wait on the birth of children of God. Too long we have been content to be mere sons of the earth. Many now despair, as they look into the new year, that our world can be saved. Perhaps human despair was never so complete as at times during 1951. Many men have been saying that Jesus' idea of a Kingdom of God in life and on earth was an error. Certainly the early church developed a community of light in the midst of the darkness of a wicked world. It was that which Jesus intended and that which the early church became. But today some men say such a hope was false.

SONS OF GOD

Such despair is nothing new. Again and again people have forgotten that God made his world for man, made man for his world, and desires that man become a child of God. The world is not intrinsically evil nor is man. The world is waiting for the sons of God to be revealed.

Let us resolve that somehow in 1952 this revelation may come true. We have to work together with God to realise our human destiny. Remember that you are God's child. He beckons you upward. You are an immortal son of God when you sense the full meaning of yourself. It is only through you that the Kingdom of God can be revealed among men. St. Paul long ago reminded us of this when he wrote to the Church at Rome, *Even the creation waits with eager longing for the sons of God to be revealed.*

THE MALAYSIA MESSAGE AND YOU

THE MALAYSIA MESSAGE is the official organ of *The Methodist Church* in Southeast Asia. It is completely dependent upon you, the reader, and the personal pronoun you refers not to individual subscribers but also to principals of schools and pastors and to all who are in charge of our Methodist Church organisations in Southeast Asia. Without the help of every individual, the editor and his corps of helpers cannot accomplish that which they would like to do. Subscriptions for 1952 are due right now. The magazine will come to you after the new year, but it is hoped that you will immediately respond and send in your own personal subscription and also boost the subscriptions in your churches and schools. In these days of far flung propaganda emanating from many non-Christian sources and also, unfortunately, from forces within us which would destroy our Christian unity, it is doubly important that we increase the circulation of this magazine as much as possible. At the same time we would plead for our sister magazines, *The Light of Salvation,* which is printed in the Tamil language for our Tamil reading Methodists, and *The Southern Bell* which is printed in Chinese for our Chinese reading public. All of these deserve your support.

THE NAME OF THIS MAGAZINE

THE RETIRING EDITOR had hoped that some name might have been chosen ere now for *The Malaysia Message* which would more suitably make it the magazine for Southeast Asia, but he will have to leave this task to his successor. Much interest has been shown since the first suggestion was made in these columns, and many names have been suggested. No one name has yet caught the fancy and the imagination of all. Sometime later a complete list of all the suggestions ought to be printed and perhaps the readers might be asked to ballot on it. Have you any further suggestions to offer before such a ballot is taken? The actual decision will have to rest with the *Central Conference* in 1953.

THE EDITOR'S SWAN SONG

ONCE AGAIN THE PRESENT EDITOR lays down his pen and prepares to return to his homeland on furlough. It is a long time since he first had the privilege of editing Mrs. Edna Dorman Lee when her husband, Dr. Edwin F. Lee, was elevated to the Episcopacy in May 1928. In the years since then the editorship has been in several hands, in particular, under the guidance of Dr. Paul B. Means. Mrs. Lorinne Reinoehl revived it after the war, and the present editor has continued this work since. He has served three definite periods and has enjoyed the cooperation and help of his correspondents, in particular during the last two years that of Miss Helen M. Loomis and Mrs. Nathalie Toms Means. It is with real regret that he lays down his pen, no doubt for the last time, for a younger man should be at the helm and let those who are now in the senior list assume less responsibility.

HOW DO YOU ADDRESS YOUR MINISTER?

THERE SEEMS TO BE considerable confusion in the minds of most Methodist laymen, who use the English language, as to how they should address their ministers. Throughout Malaya we hear people calling their ministers, "Reverend." The use of "Reverend" as a title is wrong. It is ungrammatical. "Reverend" is an adjective, like "Honourable," which is used to modify a noun. It is not a title and it should never be used with the last name alone. The correct usage of the name "Reverend" is difficult because many people feel that "Reverend" is a title. It is a word descriptive of character. The July 19 issue of *The Christian Advocate* has an interesting article on this subject and we take from that article a

few common rules which will help us to simplify the matter. We hope the following examples will be followed:

If spoken to:
- Mr. Jones
- Dr. Jones (if he has that degree)
- Pastor Jones

Letter or Envelope:
- The Rev. John Jones
- The Rev. Dr. John Jones

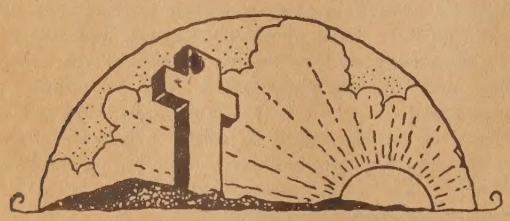
Formal letter salutation:
- Sir:
- My dear Sir:
- Reverend Sir:

Informal letter salutation:
- Dear Mr. Jones:
- Dear Dr. Jones:
- Dear John:

Introduction:
- Mr. (or Dr.) Jones
- The Reverend Mr. Jones
- Pastor Jones

We would also like to suggest a greater use of the word "minister." A very happy way to introduce your pastor to a stranger is, "I'd like you to meet our minister, Mr....." We hope our church people and our ministers will not continue to say, as is so commonly done in Malaya, "Rev. Chew," or "Rev. Ramasamy," or "Rev. Black." We realise that some ministers have no feelings on this matter but many others would much prefer to be called "Mr." or "The Rev. Mr.", or simply, "Pastor."

Items of Interest



ECUMENICAL COOPERATION

A STRIKING EXAMPLE of how the Protestant Churches are beginning to cooperate and work together is seen in the appointment of the Rev. John Fleming, a minister of the Church of Scotland and a former missionary in China, as Secretary of the Malayan Christian Council. This appointment has come as a result of the request of the Malayan Christian Council sent earlier this year to the International Missionary Council asking if some denomination could help Malaya by sending us a former missionary from China now unable to work there. This request was favourably considered and received and through the excellent services of the Rev. Stanley H. Dixon of Edinburgh House, London, Mr. Fleming's appointment has come to pass.

Mr. Fleming's appointment is similar to that of the Rev. Thomas Blakely, who for sometime already has been serving the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Singapore. Mr. Blakely is also an ex-missionary from China and his support comes from the Presbyterian Church of Ireland. Mr. Fleming's appointment and provision for his salary and work is a wonderful example of cooperation. The Church of Scotland will be responsible for his salary; the American Societies will be responsible for his housing, either renting or buying a residence; the British and American Societies are also going to meet the necessary office and travel expenses, the Malayan Christian Council hopes to be able to assist in the matter of housing and office and will gradually, as the work of the Council is strengthened, take over more and more of his support. The Flemings are leaving on the S.S. "Canton" from England on December 14.

ECUMENICAL CENTRE FOR SINGAPORE

THE MEMBERS and friends of St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, are raising a fund of $250,000 to build a War Memorial Hall onto the North transept of the Cathedral. This hall will be in commemoration of the fallen in Malaya and Singapore 1941—1945. This extension to the Cathedral will consist of the Graham White Library and Reading Room on the ground floor, there will be a Memorial Hall with seating accommodation for three to four hundred people. In this hall there will be a stage large enough for small dramatic productions and will be admirably suited for recitals, concerts and talks. The hall will also be most useful for meetings and social gatherings of all kinds. The Ven. Archdeacon Robin Woods has informed the editor that it is hoped this hall may become the Christian social centre of Singapore where all races can mix freely and where religious, cultural and educational work can be carried on. It is also hoped that it may prove to be a very real ecumenical gathering place for meetings of the Malayan Christian Council and similar organisations.

The Appeal Committee is under the chairmanship of the Governor of Singapore and includes members of all the Christian communities, as well as the Jewish community.

Many of our readers will remember the late Ven. Archdeacon and Mrs. Graham White. They were very well known in the Federation and from 1933 onwards in Singapore. Both of them died in the Sime Road Camp in internment. They gave themselves unstintingly for the people of all races in Malaya and during the internment years to those who were their fellow prisoners. Archdeacon and Mrs. Graham White were greatly beloved and are remembered with affection by Methodists as well as Anglicans. It is hoped that readers of *The Malaysia Message* will want to send contributions to this Memorial Hall Fund. Cheques should be made payable to "St. Andrew's Cathedral Memorial Fund" and forwarded to the Hon. Treasurer, Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, Collyer Quay, Singapore.

The spirit of the early Church pervades Bedok church.

A New Testament Church in Malaya

H. B. AMSTUTZ

IF YOU ARE A RESIDENT of Singapore and are fortunate enough to own a motor car you will, no doubt, know the district on the eastern side of the island known as Bedok. For a short distance of perhaps half a mile the East Coast Road runs right along the sea-shore. At the junction where the road again turns inland there is a large open-air restaurant very often frequented by the city dwellers. Little would any one dream, who comes there for some delicious Malay or Chinese delicacies, that nearby is a humble Christian church.

Leaving the main road at the junction and following a sandy lane under coconut trees and between houses you come to a bridge over an inlet from the sea. Walking across the bridge and along a path bordered and covered with palm trees you come the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Koh Kong Seng. In this residence five years ago the Bedok Straits Chinese Methodist Church was born. Under the leadership of the Rev. Chew Hock Hin, District Superintendent, Mr. Choo Beng Lim, Mr. Chan Wah Teck and others, a small group had been gathering together previous to this occasion to hold prayer meetings in the home of these good people. Just as in the *Acts of the Apostles,* where again and again St. Paul founded a Church in a home, so, too, was this little church founded. Mr. and Mrs. Koh have somewhat remodeled their humble attap-roofed dwelling, making the front of it into a sanctuary, which, together with an adjoining verandah will accommodate approximately 100 persons. In the front of the sanctuary there is a simple chancel provided with a pulpit, some chairs, a Communion table, space for a small choir, and on the one side a piano. There is no electric current in this part of the city and thus there are no fans or lights or any of the usual amenities found in our larger churches.

On Sunday morning, October 21, at 10.30 a.m. a large congregation assembled to celebrate the Fifth Anniversary of this church. Many visitors were present on this occasion, some of whom also took part in the service of worship.

A special service had been arranged to mark the occasion by Mr. Chan Wah Teck, the lay pastor of the church. During the service he gave a brief historical survey of the church mentioning how it was started, how the baby congregation was first fed on a Malay diet, and how this had to be changed to a mixture of Malay and English to suit the needs of all who came there to worship. Mr. Choo Beng Lim, J.P., who had been the first pastor then spoke, and in his usual informal happy style brought a very fine message suited to the occasion. The principal address was given by the Rev. Chew Hock Hin who spoke first in Malay and then in English, stressing the glory of the Methodist laymen, who in their unselfish and whole-hearted service have made such a large contribution to the work of the Christian Church.

A very moving feature of the service was the presentation of gifts. Every person present had been given a special gift envelope as he arrived and at a certain point in the service we were invited to come forward and lay our gifts on an open Bible that lay on a table standing in front of the Communion rail. It was deeply moving thing to see every person, old and young, come forward and lay his gift on the Bible.

The visitors were surprised to see the choir of ten young people dressed in surplices march in. Miss Lee Soo Bee, of the Paya Lebar Church, was the guest singer of the morning and she sang an arrangement of Psalm 121, "I Will Lift Up My Eyes," by Christopher Marks.

The highpoint of the service was the baptism of four adults, three women and one man. Mr. Ng Sen Choy, proprietor of Wing Loong & Co., had been worshipping with this congregation for some time and presented himself that morning for baptism. The Rev. Chew Hock Hin officiated, assisted by Dr. H. B. Amstutz who has known Mr. Ng for 25 years.

After the service of worship the entire congregation joined in a happy fellowship outside the church under the trees where they were treated to some Chinese delicacies by Mr. and Mrs. Ng Sen Choy.

There was a wonderful spirit of friendship and fellowship evident to all who were present at Bedok for the first time. A deep sense of reverence and worship filled the sanctuary as the people assembled. Radiant

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Scenes at the Bedok Church: congregation seated in the rear of the cottage church; Mr. Chan Wah Teck (centre) and helpers; a portion of the congregation with the pastor and the Dist. Superintendent, the Rev. Chew Hock Hin.

● *A Methodist MYF leader visits the New World.*

My Impressions of America

MISS LIM BONG SOO

TOGETHER WITH seven other Singapore delegates I attended the First General Assembly of the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), which was held from 5th to 16th August 1951 at Cornell University, situated in the most lovely and picturesque city of Ithaca in New York State. Sixty-three countries from the free world were represented. There were about 400 delegates and observers, representing almost every type of Youth Organisation. The theme chosen was "Youth and Human Rights." Discussions were based on specific articles from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, articles pertaining to the rights and duties of youth. That was how I came to be in America, a land of lovely surprises.

Miss Lim(centre)with Miss Lim Poh Luan and Mr. F. C. Arulanandam

I think few countries in the world have so much to offer to the visitor as America, irrespective of one's upbringing or outlook on life. In New York city alone there are many wonders. I was enthralled with the colossal skyscrapers. The U.N.O. Building, which houses the offices of the "International Peace Seekers of this chaotic World," is a most spectacular skyscraper with its magnificent glass panes. It was thrilling to survey the city from the top of one of these buildings, the tallest having more than 100 storeys. How very small everything looked from such a great height. The whole scene reminded me of Gulliver and the Lilliputians. I am thankful to God for creating His most wonderful creation "Man," who could in turn build such wonders. I must not forget the bright lights of Broadway. At night the whole place was transformed into fairyland. Never before had I beheld such a beautiful and bright spot.

What about the American shops? Well, I just loved the famous drugstores. Wasn't I surprised to find that they sold not only medicine, but "everything," including a great variety of household articles and stationery. You can have a meal at any time inside these marvellous places. Inside the big department stores I felt as though I was in a whirlpool. There it was practically impossible for me, a stranger, to shop. More often than not I was lost in the "mad" rushing crowd of buyers and bargain hunters. But I found a different atmosphere inside the smaller shops, where I could linger at leisure. Life seemed to be a great hustle and bustle in most places. Singapore is really "dead," when compared with this noisy and busy city. Anyway I would prefer to live in "sleepy and peaceful" Singapore! Life is too hectic in New York. "Time and tide wait for no man" could be aptly applied to the New Yorkers.

Are all places like New York? Definitely—No! There are the more homely towns, where one can relax and not race with time. In these places the first thing that caught my eye was the structure of most American homes. Being America, I expected to see huge brick mansions (very few indeed), and not houses with wooden walls, flooring and roofs. But I was thrilled on seeing the interior of some of these homes, to find that the beautifully decorated rooms had furniture which sometimes served more than one purpose, e.g. during the day a bedroom could be converted into a sitting or a study room by making the bed into a divan. I definitely fell in love with the American kitchen, equipped with the most modern labour saving devices, including the electrical machines for washing clothes and crockery. Time is saved and less energy wasted, and the housewife can have many other interests outside her household duties. I'm sure that the majority of Singapore housewives can only dream about such an ideal kitchen, and hope they may get one, too.

I was greatly impressed by the harmony and understanding of the American family. Each member duly respected the rights of the other. Every member, including Daddy and the boys, helped in the household chores. I heard no grumbles from the menfolk, who sometimes whistled or sang as they worked, either in the garden or inside the house. I think American youth are very lucky. They have plenty of opportunities to choose their own careers. There are many colleges and universities, and some are free. What more do they require? Anyone who is willing to work will not lack a job. For instance, the numerous factories, which usually deal with the mass production of goods, always require plenty of manual and mechanical labour. There is also a wide scope for professional people.

I would also like to pay tribute to the American people, who were so hospitable and friendly towards me. They made my stay, although only a few weeks, most enjoyable and memorable. I hope that I will be able to visit this most wonderful and interesting country again.

Last, but the most important, is my impression of the American Methodist Churches. Although a stranger to the country, I did not feel strange inside the lovely and peaceful churches. On the contrary I was thoroughly at home and enjoyed partaking in the services. In one town I was thrilled to find that the Methodist Church ran a magnificent hospital as part of its campaign against human suffering. This hospital even trains its own nurses.

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"Our humanity were a poor thing were it not for the divinity that stirs within us."

—FRANCIS BACON.

Our former Burma correspondent writes another article.

A Visit to Thongwa

HARRY C. HARWOOD

THONGWA IS A typical country town of the flat delta lands of Lower Burma. A few thousand people live here, and the whole life of the community is related to the farming and fishing provided by the fields and streams of the region. It is a retail trade center to supply the goods required in a radius of several miles in all directions. The land is so low and flat that the exceedingly crooked delta creek that provides navigable connection leading to Rangoon is affected by the ocean tides. During the Monsoon season of heavy rains the town and countryside turn into a vast bog of thick mud and sheets of shallow water over the rich paddy lands. In the months of the dry season the fields and countryside turn brown and dusty, and hot dry winds swirl over the parched, flat country. The population of the whole region is predominantly Burmese, with the usual addition of Indian farmers, labourers and traders with a much smaller number of Chinese traders.

The Burmese people of this area are tenacious in their adherence to the traditions of Buddhism. It happens that no conspicuously large pagoda appears on the sky line, but small pagodas and a great variety of monastic premises and halls occupied by images of the Buddha are in evidence. The whole region presents a typical example of the challenge to Christian evangelism which in larger measure is offered by Burma as a whole. Methodist missionary interest in Thongwa dates from the earliest years of the present century, and for many of those years it was a resident missionary station and the site of our training school for Burmese preachers and Bible women.

Let's Go Out to Thongwa

If you readers had accepted this invitation in the good old days, say thirty years ago. we'd have had to assemble some gear and allow time for a two day absence from Rangoon. In those times the only available transportation was by a small two-decked steamer which took ten hours to traverse the incredibly circuitous route of kinks and loops in the stream that finally led us to the town landing stage at Thongwa. In later years a much more direct route has been provided in a direct cross-country road running twenty-two miles from Syriam. There was even a period of several years when a branch railway line from Pegu angled down across the farm lands to terminate at Thongwa, but the rails were taken up for other uses just before the late War.

So here we find ourselves at Rowatt St. Jetty on Pazundaung Creek in East Rangoon to take the ferry steamer a few miles over to Syriam on the first stage of our journey. It is 6 a.m. and the time of the first departure of the steamer on its daily series of 45 minute shuttles back and forth. What we call a creek in Burma isn't something you could wade across or traverse by stepping stones. This is an estuary stream bearing much water traffic in ample draught and at least two hundred yards wide. It leads into the broad sweep of the Pegu River just above its junction with the Rangoon River so the way over to Syriam is really on broad and deep waters giving direct navigable connection with the Bay of Bengal twenty-five or thirty miles down stream. Tidal currents of great sweep and power help or hinder our passage, according to the ebb or flow periods.

As we face the Syriam shore smokeless stacks, and a conglomerate of ruined tanks and metal frameworks stand as monuments of the past when a pipe line from 250 miles north bore the petroleum of the oil fields to the great Burma Oil Company refineries. All that went up in flames on the evacuation of Rangoon in March 1942, and from then to now it has not been possible to restore the pipe line and the refinery. Large investments have been made, and some rebuilding completed, but the chaotic disorder of the interior of Burma forbids the possibility of working the pipe line. The tanks at Syriam contain imported petroleum products now for Burma's consumption, and a refinery is being erected at the fields up country in the effort to make the country independent of its anomolous outside supply.

Here we are at Syriam jetty. We are lucky about our transportation in not having to take one of the jammed and tightly packed country buses of Thongwa. The Rev. U Ba Thwin is on hand with his faithful jeep to take us across his district. U Ba Thwin is the energetic superintendent of what we call the Syriam district in our Methodist work. He is rich in good works and widespread friendships. He and his good wife, Da Thein Nyoon, who is principal of our Syriam High School, have had an abundant ministry and have brougnt up a family of sons who are enriching the life of Burma with their professional training and skills. Church work, school work, the Syriam Infant Welfare Society, the

U Sein Tun, pastor of the Methodist Church at Thongwa, and Daw Pan Shwee, the Bible Woman—the background shows part of the Lord's Prayer written in Burmese.

Village Improvement Society for the country villages, all these are the channels of service followed by these good workers. American readers who read these lines would feel that you had made a good investment with your special gifts if you could see all this with your own eyes.

We shall do well to take it calmly and not flinch too much as the skilled pilot steers the jeep through the mixture of buses, pony carts and trishaws that jam the ribbon of surfaced road through and out of town. A miss is as good as a mile, but I'd hate to try to insert a finger between some of those near misses!

The road finally clears the town and for a few miles we follow a low ridge leading out to the handsome and large Syriam pagoda where we turn left and rumble along for fifteen miles or more of level flatness punctuated by the corrugated roughness of the indifferently maintained road. One feature of the poor looking roadside villages along the way is the large number of big, glazed jars standing by the little houses. Each jar has a capacity of from fifty to one hundred gallons of water. Wells are brackish and the water unfit to drink. The fresh water ponds made to catch and retain the water of the rainy season turn to vile, green mush before the end of the dry season, so the people must collect and store rain water to carry them through for drinking water supply.

Here's Thongwa

At last we enter Thongwa town. One of the earliest features of the place is the bridge over the stream. Emerson wrote poetry about "the rude bridge that spans the flood," but this Thongwa bridge is certainly in a class by itself for rudeness; and its approaches are downright impolite! The jeep lurches and jerks its way over the worn and rutty track, and we cross over to the market section. That corrugated cross-country road surface we left behind seems velvet smooth in memory as we negotiate the bumps and holes in the narrow streets of Thongwa. We wind through a conglomerate of bazaar buildings, shops of sorts, Buddhist worship places and dwelling houses, then past a large square pond surrounded by palm trees to emerge at the east side of town where the view opens out to wider spaces and the site of our Methodist properties.

Three main buildings dating from the helpful advances of Centenary days represented our establishment here. They are generously spaced in a L-shaped layout. The missionary residence occupies the angle of the pattern, the day school building and the boarding school building the extremities of the figure. All were built of brick and with two storeys. When Burma was reoccupied after the War these buildings were a ruined mess. The boarding school building which was originally also the Bible training school and residence of the lady missionary is the only one that has been restored to date. It was so reduced and abused that people even tramped through it simply as a convenient path on the way to and from town. Now it is sound and whole, and some good Burmese teachers and Bible women live in it and keep a fine little boarding school of about twenty-five girls and small boys. It is a village family style of self-help school life in which the children live a free and happy home life where all participate. The former missionary residence, once a handsome six-room house, is in desolate disrepair of broken masonry walls with no roof or floor joists, doors or windows left. Near it stands the wooden parsonage occupied by the Rev. U Sein Tun, the able pastor and leader of the little community of Christian service. The day school building was once the pride of the town, about the finest building in the place, and a well organized Christian education project where care was taken to relate book learning with real life situations.

Faith Amid Disorder

For the past two years insurgency has ruled the countryside and the school building suffered the rude and careless occupancy, sometimes of insurgent outfifts, sometimes of Government troops in guard duty. The marvel is that through it all the faithful Burmese workers stood their ground, kept the boarding school going maintained day school classes and church services. The church building is down in the town and has suffered various uses, sometimes as a town school, so church meetings were held in the boarding school. One outstanding fact of these times has been the way in which the Burmese Christian workers and the few members around them in several country stations have maintained their work against all discouragements, providing little islands of hope and good-will in troubled times.

We Look Ahead

It may be said in conclusion that this travel description we have shared with our readers both in Malaya and America relates to some recent visits, Bishop Archer being present on the latest one, in which we have looked the situation over with a view to investing in the restoration of the main school building in Thongwa. In spite of the rough usage of the recent years the structure is sound, and even the wooden floors upstairs escaped looting, which is rather marvelous. A contractor's estimate shows that for about $3,000 (USA) the building can be made whole and complete in all details. The greatest lack at present is doors and windows. The day school classes with a small enrollment far below that of older days have been installed again in the most usable portions of the building as it now is, and we look forward to the restoration within a few months.

As things are now, the ruins of the missionary residence may have to stand desolate for some time to come, but even there the main fabric is sound enough to justify the possibility that at some further stage the recovery may be complete, and it is even within the reach of possibility that some day a missionary friend may live in Thongwa to grow in the knowledge and love of his neighbours and invite them to share with the Burman pilgrims of the Way the inspirations and salvation Christ has to offer.

A New Testament Church in Malaya

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smiling faces were to be seen everywhere. Every newcomer and stranger was welcomed long before he actually reached the church grounds and he soon came to feel the presence of the Spirit of Jesus. There was a happy informality throughout the entire service of worship into which speakers, singers, and all present entered. Surely this anniversary service must have been similar to the services St. Paul so eloquently writes about in the first letters to the Christian Church.

● *The story of what a congregation can do.*

Hinghua Church Celebrations

The Hinghua Methodist Church, Singapore

History of the Hinghua Church

IN THE YEAR 1889 Dr. W. N. Brewster was appointed by the Board of Missions to be the pastor of the Wesley Church in Singapore. The very next year he was sent by the Annual Conference to Hinghua, Fukien, China, where he established churches, hospitals and schools. Because there was a large number of Hinghua people in Singapore Dr. Brewster appointed the Rev. Goh Bun Lin in 1909 from the Hinghua Conference to take care of their people in Singapore. As a result of Mr. Goh's work the Hinghua Methodist Church was established and he was appointed as the first minister by the Malaysia Conference in 1911, but on October 12 of the same year he passed away. He was replaced by the Rev. Deng Bing Deng in August 1913.

This young church was gradually growing but, unfortunately, six years later the pastor had to go back to China on medical leave. During his absence Mr. Tay Geh Kie, together with Mr. James Huang (Ng Teng Bi), were asked to take charge of the congregation. Mr. Deng returned to Singapore for another year of service but due to illness returned to China and died there in 1923.

In early 1922 Mr. Lau Hoi Cing was appointed as pastor and after he had served two years he was succeeded by the Rev. Yap It Tong. Two years later a group of four laymen some still well known, were put in charge of the church for more than a year, each taking turn in preaching on Sundays. They were Messrs Shih Teck Hoe, B. H. Ling, Ling Kai Cheng (now Methodist lay leader in Sarawak) and Ong Giong Liong.

In June 1927 the Rev. Paul S. H. Hang, a graduate from Nanking Theological Seminary, was appointed to the pastorate of this church, a position which he has filled up to the present time. Being a young man of much energy and zeal, and assisted by his able wife, he was soon able to build up the Hinghua congregation. It was a hard uphill task for the church did not have a sanctuary of its own nor was there a home for the pastor and his family. The present day beautiful church building and manse are a monument to the work which this couple have faithfully done through 25 years of service.

During the early days of Mr. Hang's ministry the congregation moved from one place to another but finally it bought a shophouse at Sam Leong Road. The first floor served as the home for Mr. Hang's large and rapidly growing family. The congregation also grew until the shophouse sanctuary was soon far too small. An energetic Building Committee consisting of the following: Dr. T. H. Ling, Tan Yeo Joo, Yeo Swee Han, Tai Eng Fan, Lim Tien Poh, Tay Teck Eng, Shih Teck Hoe, Au Geh Eng, Yeo Soi Ling, Khoo Hock Nang, Dang Teng Siu, went to work under the leadership of Mr. Hang. A good building site was secured on Kitchener Road, near the Jalan Besar Stadium. Much money was collected but unfortunately the war intervened and the project had to wait. Finally on December 30 1950, the Fortieth Anniversary of the founding of the church, the new building was dedicated by Bishop A. J. Moore, assisted by Bishop Clement Rockey of India, and Dr. R. L. Archer, then Associate Secretary of the Division of Foreign Missions, and many other ministers of *The Methodist Church* in Malaya.

The architecture of the church building, as will be seen from the photograph, is a mixture of the east and the west. It consists of two main parts, the church proper and an adjoining hall with the manse above the hall. The cornerstone was laid by Dr. M. Dodsworth on November 6, 1949. The church has been called the Bishop Edwin F. Lee Memorial. The Malaysia Chinese Conference held its conference session in the new church building the week of its dedication.

These forty years of the history of a single congregation is the record of the devotion of pastors, strong laymen, and church members who never failed in their common enterprise and common faith; who trusted in God and who finally achieved their hope in the building and dedication of their beautiful church and manse.

The Rev. and Mrs. Paul S. H. Hang Celebrate

On Saturday afternoon at 5.30 p.m., December 15, the new church was crowded with a large congregation of members and friends who had come to honour the Rev. and Mrs. Paul S. H. Hang. It was an unique occasion for it represented the Twenty-fifth Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Hang, the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Mr. Hang's pastorate in this church, and Mrs. Hang's Fiftieth birthday. The celebrations began with a service of worship conducted by Dr. H. B. Amstutz. Bishop R. L. Archer gave the address and officiated at the Re-consecration Service. Choirs representing the Evangelistic Band, the MYF, and the children of Mr. and

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● *Methodist education moves ahead in Perak.*

Opening of Tanjong Malim Methodist English School

YAP TYE HOCK

Bishop R. L. Archer unveiling a tablet; Mr. L. H. N. Davis, Secretary to the Member for Education laying the cornerstone instead of the Hon. Member for Education.

NOVEMBER 24, 1951, will go down in the history of Methodism in Malaya as another step in the forward march of Christian Education.

The Methodist Church commenced its work in South Perak in 1931 with Tanjong Malim as its centre when the Anglo Chinese School was opened with Mrs. Paul as Head-Mistress and Miss Helen Richard (now Mrs. Suppiah) as her assistant. Later on the Emmanuel English School (a private institution) was amalgamated absorbing Mrs. Jesudoss, the proprietress, and Mr. E. Joseph as additional teacher on the staff with Mr. M. N. Charles as its head Master.

Just at the time of amalgation the District Railway Engineer's Office fell vacant and the school moved into these premises rented by the Mission in addition to a house in Slim Road. When the Japanese invaded Malaya this Railway Building was bombed and the one in Slim Road was blown up by dynamite when the advancing Japanese troops entered the premises.

The Rev. V. A. Chelliah succeeded Mr. Charles as head master. When the British returned in September 1945 the Railway Staff opened the Victory English School and Mr. Chelliah reorganised the A.C.S. and the school met in a rented bungalow in Kampong Malacca.

In 1948 the Rev. Abel Eklund, District Superintendent, and Rev. P. L. Peach, Educational Secretary, successfully negotiated with the Railway Administration for the amalgamation of both the Victory English School and the Anglo-Chinese School to be run in the Railway Premises leased to the Mission at a nominal rent. The Rev. J. J. Ponniah was appointed head Master.

The Perak Government agreed to make this school a Grant-in-Aid Institution in 1949. When Mr. D. K. Rajakariar returned from his study leave in U.S.A., he was appointed its first Principal in January 1949 and in May the school started to receive Government Aid.

A new site on the main road to Ipoh was purchased and the campaign to collect funds was inaugerated in February 1950.

In March 1951 work on the new block of seven and a half class rooms was started. Later work on the Science Laboratory was commenced and the whole project, including a tuck shop and latrines, has cost about $91,000 of which the Government of Perak has donated $26,000. The school hopes to clear a debt of $20,000 partly with further grant from the Government and additional donations from the parents before the end of 1952.

It is to be noted that this district is comparatively poor and has no rich miners or planters. "Blood, toil, tears, and sweat," to quote Churchill, have gone into the construction of this school, and it was indeed a red letter day when the Mentri Besar of Perak and Bishop R. L. Archer arrived for the Official Opening of the school.

The grounds and the premises were tastefully decorated with buntings and palms. A very large and representative gathering awaited the arrival of the Hon. the Mentri Besar, Perak.

The Mentri Besar cutting the tape; Mr. R. M. C. Codner, speaking; Mr. D. K. Rajakariar with Messrs. Wolters and Codney passing the school Boy Scout guard of Honour.

Sharp, at 10:45 a.m., accompanied by Messrs O. W. Wolters (D.O. Batang Padang), R. M. C. Codner (A.D.O. Tanjong Malim), L. H. N. Davies Secretary to the Hon. Member for Education and Mr. T. P. M. Lewis, (Ag. Deputy Director for Education, Federation of Malaya), the Hon. Tuan Haji Abdul Wahab bin Toh Muda Abdul Aziz, the Mentri Besar, Perak, arrived, and was received by Bishop Archer, the Rev. Ralph Kesselring (Educational Secretary) and the Principal of the School, Mr. D. K. Rajakariar. He then inspected the Guard of Honour formed by the Scouts and Guides of the school.

Bishop Archer invited Mr. L. H. N. Davies to lay the Corner Stone as the Hon. Member for Education was unavoidably away from the country. Following this the Bishop requested the Mentri Besar to declare the building open and unveil the tablet. Unveiling the tablet the Mentri Besar said, "I declare the building open and may it help to rid illiteracy."

The Rev. J. V. Ayaduray, District Superintendent Central District, then presented the building for dedication. The Bishop unveiled the tablet, the Mentri Besar cut the tape and the gathering entered the hall for the dedication service.

Mr. Codner, Chairman of the School Building Committee, presided. He spoke of the difficulties confronted in raising the necessary money and complimented the Principal and staff for their hard work.

In the unavoidable absence of the Member for Education, Mr. L. H. N. Davies, his Secretary, read out the Member's address in the course of which he complimented the Mission and Poblic for their help and support. He (Member) was very much pleased to see the provision of a Science Laboratory as it would enable the children to have a broader outlook in life.

The Mentri Besar paid a tribute to the work of the Aided Schools and the Methodist Mission for sharing in the educational programme of the country. As elsewhere he said the Methodist Mission has stolen a march over the Government by going ahead with this building.

The new school buildings at Tanjong Malim

Bishop Archer thanked the Government of Perak for their generous contribution, the parents and friends for their loyal support and donations and the Principal and Staff for their hard work. He then addressed the gathering on "Freedom and Democracy," which he later summarised in Malay for the benefit of the Malay-speaking public.

Hinghwa Church Celebrations

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Mrs. Hang, sang items. A presentation of gifts was made at the conclusion of the service. Among these gifts was a Morris Minor motor-car presented by five friends. There were many other gifts, too numerous to mention. Following the service, the entire congregation present was entertained to a many-course dinner in the church hall and manse and the celebrations ended at 10.30 p.m. We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Hang on their Twenty-fifth Wedding Anniversary as well as their long, faithful and successful pastorate.

HERE AND THERE in Southeastern Asia....

Taiping

Church without a Pastor. Since the Wesley Church was built in Taiping about 15 years ago, it has been without a resident pastor except for the Rev. W. Foster who served for a short term in 1948. In spite of this deficiency, Dr. M. Dodsworth the District Superintendent, heard at the fourth Quarterly Conference on November 25, the progress reports of the WSCS which has 36 members, the Sunday School with 62 students and the MYF. This MYF has the largest membership in the Penang District with 90 members.

While there is no Pastor, there is a Local Preacher who lives sixty miles away in Sitiawan. Miss M. Dirksen conducts and organises services for the Sitiawan English Congregation.

The support for Home Missions has been gratifying. This year the Church has contributed $100, the WSCS $50, the MYF $25 and the Sunday School $20.

The Lay leader of the Church is Mr. D. G. Jeyasekara. The Secretary, Mr. K. C. Yeoh, was elected Lay Delegate to the Annual Conference in Kuala Lumpur. Miss D.

Wesley Church, Taiping

—*E. O. McGraw*

The New Methodist Church at Kapit Dedicated August 1950

Olson has been the Lady Missionary for many years in this town.

Sitiawan

Anglo Chinese School. A Variety Concert in aid of the General and Domestic Science Building Fund was held in the School Hall, on the 7 December, at 7.00 p.m.

The Programme consisted of dances, playlets and a Singing Contest. The School Choir organised by Miss Ding Siew Ging and Mr. Moses Tay, and conducted by Mr. Fang Ung Ming sang two musical numbers.

The main play was entitled, "The Boy Comes Home." It was produced and directed by Messrs. P. Shanmugem of the A.C.S., Staff and Sergeant R. Parkinson of the Royal Marines, Sitiawan.

The Business Manager was Mr. Hung Miau Kong. The Concert Committee consisted of Messrs Wong Hean Kim, Hung Miau Kong, P. Shanmugam, A. P. Paul, Moses Tay and Mrs. Fang Ung Ming.

Kapit, Sarawak

New York Executive Secretaries Visit Our Iban Mission. Dr. J. A. Engle arrived in Kapit on November 3 and the next day, Sunday, he preached to both the Chinese and Iban congregations. That same day the Rev. Burr Baughman, District Superintendent, took him to Nanga Mujong where they stayed with the Rev. and Mrs. Lucius Mamoera overnight. On Monday morning they travelled on up the Mujong and Merlinau Rivers to Penghulu Sibat's longhouse and our Nanga Meluan School. For the first time in Mr. Baughman's experience these rivers were high enough so that they could use the motor all the way and they did not have to get out of the longboat once to pull it through the rapids, as is usually the case.

On Monday evening Dr. Engle spoke to the people in the longhouse and the following morning, it having rained heavily during the night, they returned to Kapit on flooded rivers. The visit to our Iban Mission was one of Dr. Engle's main assignments to this part of the world, and he came away from Borneo with a great appreciation of the work which is being done there by our missionaries.

Miss Louise Robinson, accompanied by Miss Helen Loomis, President of the Malaya Annual Conference W.S.C.S., visited Kapit and Nanga Mujong over the week end of November 18. At Nanga Mujong they met a large party of Iban women and had the privilege of speaking to them.

Progress at Nanga Mujong. Mr. Mamoera has persuaded the Iban people in the vicinity of Nanga Mujong to build a school, the framework of which has already been erected. It will still be some time before the work is finished and considerable help will be required in the matter of equipping the new school.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Harris are already deep into the work of the Iban Mission; Mrs. Harris is teaching in the Methodist Iban school at Kapit and has taken taken over Std. I. Mr. Harris is busy with the boys in the garden and they are both working hard learning the

—*B.B.*

Penghulu Temmengong Koh and new bride; Dr. J. A. Engle, the Rev. L. Dennis, Penghulu Sibat and others at the Nanga Meluan School; Majau and his bride Utas (First Methodist Iban wedding).

Iban language. The plans for their bungalow at Nanga Mujong have been approved by the Field Committee and Mr. Baughman has received a bid from a local contractor of $35,700 for the construction. By the time transporation, furniture and other items are included, the total cost of starting our agricultural mission at Nanga Mujong will be at least $45,000.

Kapit Chinese Church. Although we have a lovely new church building in Kapit yet the pastor has no residence. He has been teaching in a Chinese school and has had to find accommodation for himself and his family. The Kapit Methodist Iban School has also outgrown its quarters. A new building is badly needed in Kapit to house the Chinese pastor and to furnish additional classrooms for our school. The Chinese Church community will do its best to help finance the parsonage; the school, however, being mainly for the Iban and Malay communities, will have to depend on funds from the Home Missionary Society and friends overseas. A total of $30,000 at least will be required to get this project completed.

Kuala Lumpur

Miss Robinson's Visit. The Methodist Mission women teachers, W.S.C.S. members, heads of schools and pastors of the various churches had the opportunity of meeting Miss Louise Robinson, executive Secretary of the Women's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Church when she visited Kuala Lumpur during October. More than a hundred Methodist women entertained her at a Social held at the Methodist Girls' School Hall on Saturday October 20 at 4.30 p.m. Mrs. J. V. Ayaduray, wife of the District Superintendent, presided at the function. The programme concluded with a talk by Miss Robinson on her visit to Mission centres in the East.

Miss Robinson also attended a Variety Concert at the Methodist Girls' School on Friday October 19 and visited the Methodist Schools in Kuala Lumpur and Klang. She spoke at the morning service in Wesley Church on Sunday October 21 and at the Senior Methodist Girls' School on Oct. 23.

Methodist Boys' School. A very interesting Parents' Day programme was presented by the students of the school on September 22. Due to the unfavourable weather the Scout display could not be held outdoors.

Miss Carol Hwang, Mrs. T. Harris, Miss H. M. Loomis, Miss L. Robinson and two Iban women friends at Nanga Mujong.

The Art department, under the direction of Mr. Cheong Hoi Fah, put on a fine exhibit. The most interesting parts of the programme were the Elocution contest and the songs rendered by the School Choir. The speeches made by the students were of a high standard, and were thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. At the conclusion of the programme Mr. Clancy appealed to all the parents to take more interest in the education of their children and to co-operate with the schools as much as possible. Mrs. Woods, wife of the Senior Inspector of Schools, then distributed the awards to the winners of the various Houses in Sports, and also to the winners of the Elocution and Art contests. The Scouts gave a model aeroplane

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Rev. L. Mamora and part of his family; Mrs. T. Harris with some Iban women; D. Manoeroeng and family.

Only this house + family at the spot Tom + Jennie are building their house.

display after the programme. Among those who attended the programme were the Hon. Dato E. E. C. Thuraisingam, Members for Education, Mr. Whitfield, Director of Education, The Hon. Mr. A. N. Ross, British Advisers, the American Consul, the Senior Inspector of Schools, Mr. Woods, Mrs. Woods, and others.

The Pasir Panjang chapel.

Methodist Girls's School. In order to raise money for the school building Fund a Variety Concert was given in the school Hall on Oct. 4th, 5th, 6th and 19th. Items were given by the Primary, Elementary and Secondary school students and included dances, songs and short plays. The programme concluded with the play 'The Bishop's Candlesticks' in which students of the School Certificate class took part.

Penang

A.C.S. Boys' Malayan Tour. The Anglo-Chinese School, Penang, sent a football and a basketball team to Kuala Lumpur and Singapore to play some matches against the schools there. The party left on December 10 and was away for twelve days. This trip had been made possible through the generous contributions of the Principal and staff, Mr. Yeap Hock Hoe, Mr. Heah Joo Seng, and Old Boys and well-wishers of school.

The teachers who accompanied the teams were Mr. Ceoh Oon Chuan, manager; Mr. Tai Swee Kee, master-in-charge football; and Mr. Tio Seng Hee, secretary, Mr. Tho Fook Weng as coach of the basketball team.

In Kuala Lumpur, the football team played two matches-against the M.B.S. and the V. I. The basketball team played against the Victoria Institution. In Singapore the football team played against the A.C.S., the Raffles Institution, and the St. Andrews School. Basketball matches were played against the A.C.S., the Raffles Institution, The St. Andrews School, and two Chinese Schools, Hwa Chung and Chung Cheng.

Welcome to Dr. and Mrs. M. Dodsworth. Over two hundred church members gathered at the A.C.S. Hall on November 8 to welcome Dr. and Mrs. Dodsworth. The Rev. John Chua, the Chinese District Superintendent, presided at this meeting. Mrs. Khoo Cheng Hoe, speaking on behalf of the Chinese Church, said that Dr. Dodsworth had played an important part in the building of the beautiful Chinese Church, and he and Mrs. Dodsworth had always shown patience and tolerence in their dealings with people. Mr. Tan Teik Lim and Mr. Thilaimuthu spoke on behalf of the Wesley Church and the Tamil Church respectively.

In reply, Mrs. Dodsworth said that it was with deep humility that she had heard all the kind things said. She was happy to be back again, and to work with them all for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom. Dr. Dodsworth said that many new buildings had been put up in Penang as part of the Methodist Church programme. Fine buildings should mean finer men and women. He believed that preachers should not do all the work, for lay leadership was essential if Christ's Kingdom were to progress. He was "mighty happy" to be back among old friends, and it was his intention during his last term of office to concentrate on the building of lives.

Singapore

Bishop Archer's Fortieth Anniversary. On Saturday afternoon, December 1, representatives of all the Methodist Churches in Singapore, as well as pastors and missionaries, gathered at the Wesley Church to celebrate the Fortieth Anniversary of the Bishop's arrival in Malaysia. He arrived in Singapore in November 1911 and went on to Java where he first served three years prior to his wedding to Miss Edna Caye at the end of his first term of service. After serving in Java for another six years they were transferred to Sumatra where he was Mission Treasurer and Superintendent for five years. Then they came to Singapore where he likewise served as Mission Treasurer and Mission Superintendent until they left Singapore on January 30, 1942, prior to the fall of the city to the Japanese. The Bishop has thus spent approximately thirty out of these forty years in Malaysia.

The celebration consisted of two parts. At 4.30 p.m. there was a Thanksgiving Service in the Wesley Church led by the Rev. T. Runyan and the Rev. Chew Hock Hin, District Superintendent of the Singapore District, gave the address. After this the people assembled in the Wesley Hall for refreshments. Mr. Ee Soon Howe, who was in charge of the entire function, then assumed the chairmanship. Speeches were made on behalf of the Methodist Schools by Mrs. E. Handy, Principal of the Methodist Girls' School; on behalf of the Chinese-speaking Churches by the Rev. Paul S. H. Hang, pastor of the Hinghua Methodist Church; on behalf of the MYF by Mr. Harry Fang, President of the Singapore District MYF; on behalf of the Straits Chinese congregations by Mr. Lim Ka Huat, a local preacher of the Paya Lebar Church; and on behalf of the Tamil Churches by the Rev. T. R. Doraisamy, pastor of the Tamil Church, Singapore. Miss Lee Soo Bee sang a solo accompanied by Mr. Benjamin Khoo and Mrs. Ee Soon Howe presented the Bishop with a portable typewriter—a gift from the Singapore Methodists—to mark this occasion. Bishop and Mrs. Archer were also garlanded by Mr. A. K. Isaac and Mrs. Walter Dana.

The Bishop spoke briefly in response to the many speeches and said, "I will be faithful to your trust and lead you to build a brotherhood which extends goodwill to all." He expressed thanks to God for giving him these many years to serve here in Malaya and elsewhere.

Pasir Panjang Tamil Church. Many readers of *The Malaysia Message* are no doubt unaware of this church which serves the Tamil labourers working in the Alexandria Brickworks on Alexandria Road. Through the courtesy of the manager a small church was erected prewar and under the leadership of the Rev. T. Doraisamy this was rehabilitated following the war. Mr. W. S. Pakianathan, a teacher in the Anglo Chinese School, has been serving the church faithfully during the last three years, as a Supply Pastor.

There are 133 men, women and children, on the roll of this church. Even though it is a comparatively small

congregation, yet the church is excellently organised and at the Quarterly Conference every church official presents a type-written report. There are some very unusual features about this church which deserve mention.

Among the men of the church is an elderly labourer by the same of Mr. S. Manuel. On February 13, 1949, this man organised the W.S.C.S. of this church. It is quite a different W.S.C.S. compared to those in our other churches. The total number of women in the congregation is 25 and only a few of them are able to read. Ever since February 13, 1949, this Christian labourer meets with the women every week day evening in the church from 7 to 8. They read the Bible and he makes explanations as they read. This year they began to read the Old Testament and by December 2 they had read to the book of Nehemiah. Some of the men of the congregation also attend these meetings. Under Mr. Manuels's leadership the women also visit the sick and hold prayer meetings when requested. They have also taken up subscriptions and have assisted the Sunday School and the church to the extent of $63.80.

Another helper in the church is the local preacher, Mr. J. Daniel. This young man, a bachelor, is a musician, he plays the organ and is also the choirmaster. He is also Superintendent of the Sunday School and assists the pastor in conducting prayer meetings and also a fortnightly service which is held several miles away at Henderson Road in another large Tamil settlement. Another of the young men in the church, Mr. J. Shadrak, conducts a rather unusual community and church service, namely, a small night school from 6 to 8 in a little school building belonging to the Brickworks. Here he supervises the homework of 24 children and helps them with their schooling so that a great many of them were successful in their recent examinations.

The total income of the church for the year was $1035.83. At first this may seem very small to our readers, but when we remember that the average income of the members of this church is $65 per month, then we realise that the giving of these Christians is way out of proportion to the average giving of our much wealthier Christian brethren in Malaya. Besides taking care of all the expenses of the church they were able to pay off a debt on the building amounting to nearly $400 and they also gave $55 to Conference claimants.

The Rev. S. M. Thevathasan and the Rev. C. B. Paul have faithfully assisted this congregation at Communion Services and baptisms through the years. It is a joy to worship there for all so obviously enter into the spirit of worship. Two years ago the congregation purchased surplices for the choir and the boys and girls who form the choir march in a procession, followed by the minister, which is very lovely to see. An unusual feature of the choir is the presence of two Chinese girls who were adopted as little babies by two of the Tamil families in the church and who speak and read the Tamil language the same as the other children.

This church is our only Methodist Church in this part of Singapore island. The Municipality is putting up an enormous new power plant very close by. Hundreds of labourers will soon be added to the community. There is no church in this area for our Chinese Christians. Surely our Methodist Church ought to immediately consider securing a suitable site of land and build a church in this part of the island of Singapore and meet the growing needs of this district. There is no Christian church of any sort in this entire district known as the Alexandria district. Such a church ought to be a Union Church where the various denominations comprising the Malayan Christian Council could worship and ought also serve not only our Tamil Christians but also the Chinese Christians in this great and growing district.

In the dressing room getting ready for the Easter play "We Carry On" given on Good Friday evening in the Wesley Church Hall, Singapore. Mrs. H. B. Amstutz, director, applying make-up, some checking their lines, others completing their costumes. Such scenes are the important background of all successful dramatic productions.

MYF

What's going on in the MYF

S. T. PETER LIM

A scene from the play, "All things are possible," given by the Straits Chinese MYF on October 20 & 27.

THE BEGINNING of the year is a good time to plan and think out programmes for the whole year. Many chapters plan their programmes piecemeal, a sort of hand-to-mouth idea. A more satisfactory procedure is to draw up a rough plan for the whole year, bearing in mind the important dates such as Easter, Mothers' Day, United Nations' Day, Christmas Day. It is also important to bear in mind the programme of the Malayan MYF so that your plans may fit in with the total programme of MYF work throughout Malaya.

In your programme building please bear in mind the following decision of the Malayan MYF Council when it met in August last year.

The Theme for 1951–52 is "JESUS WAY — OUR MISSION"

The Aim: To encourage every MYFer
- to worship God sincerely
- to witness God fervently
- to serve God selflessly

The Goals are:
1. to increase the membership of the MYF by at least 20%
2. to organise a chapter in every church
3. to encourage MYFers to serve God in the church

There are three big programmes that the Malayan MYF is planning to do in 1952:
1. The All-Malaya MYF Institute in April
2. Methodist Youth Week, June 1–8
3. Either a Caravan or a Work Camp in August

I. The All–Malaya MYF Institute 1952

Theme: Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done
Dean: The Hon. Mr. Thio Chan Bee
Venue: Anglo-Chinese School, Barker Road, Singapore

Date: August 15–23, 1952.

Although we want to cater for as many MYFers as possible we find that physical conditions limit us to 600. This number, you will agree, is quite a number. But the MYF and the membership are increasing so rapidly that we feel we have to impose the limit. So each chapter is allowed to send up to 2% of its membership to the Institute; this is an increase of 80% over the last quota. Unused quotas in any chapter may be taken up other chapters in the same district. Because of the tremendous need for labour and manpower, which can only be drawn from the Singapore chapters, to assist in the running of the Institute, Singapore chapters will be allowed to send up to 40% of their membership.

Registration forms will be issued in January or February and all registrations should reach the Business Manager, Mr. Eric Wee, by March 15. No late registrations can be accepted (except in exceptional cases) because of the numbers coming and because of the preparations. Contracts have to be signed and accommodation provided. Hence no risks will be taken.

Delegates will arrive on April 15, register, and be provided with accommodation.

April 16 and 17 will be spent in tours, picnics, sight-seeing, in order to satisfy the urge to see Singapore.

Then real work, i.e., studies, sessions, discussions, and the like will begin on April 18 and end on April 22. The whole Institute will end on April 23.

All delegates must arrive by April 15 and participate in all phases of the Institute programme.

The registration fee is $4 and the food for the nine days $36, making a total of $40. This is cheap considering the fact that Instituters have had to pay about $20 for past Institutes which were half as long as this one.

It is necessary therefore for chapters to select their delegates as early as possible so that they can save up their money to attend the Institute. Most chapters will have to subsidise the expenses of their delegates and so it is time to start raising funds now. Make this whole Institute, the selection and the sending of delegates, the project of your chapter for the first four months of the year. Your all-out co-operation is needed to ensure success for the Institute.

Fraternal delegates from Christian Youth organisation both in Malaya and abroad have been invited and the Burma MYFs are planning to send a very big delegation. Furthermore, two or three first-class youth leaders on a world level have been invited to help us. So delegates will be having one of the finest and richest experiences.

II. The Methodist Youth Week

The Methodist Youth Week will be observed on June 1–8 this year. Details will be sent out later. However, suggestions are welcome also.

III. The Caravan or Work Camp

It is as yet undecided whether to have a Caravan or Work Camp. Plans have yet to be worked out.

Hence MYFs in all Districts should make plans to raise this sum of money. Please send your money either direct to the Home Missions Treasurer, or through

Mr. Gaw Sin Hock entertaining at a social given by the Singapore District to welcome Federation MYF members studying in Singapore.

Mr. Chen Chi Wei and some friends at the District Social.

the Malayan MYF Treasurer, and please notify the District Secretary and the Secretary for Young People's Work the sum your chapter has contributed so that we can know what has been done.

Penang Youth Meetings

The Rev. G. Teilmann, Pastor of Wesley Church, Kuala Lumpur, was in Penang during the first week of October. He spoke at three "Special Meetings" to which the youth of Penang were invited. Miss Elizabeth Oorjitham, President of the Tamil MYF, Miss Ruth Ho, President of the Chinese MYF, and Mr. Tan Teik Hock, President of the Wesley MYF, were the leaders of the meetings respectively. As a result of Mr. Teilmann's visit, many young people came up to the altar to reconsecrate themselves and to confess openly that they would dedicate their lives to the service of our Lord. The MYF's are grateful to Mr. Teilman for sharing with them his Christian experience and for giving them the inspiration to be witnesses of Jesus Christ. Mr. Teilmann also spoke at the chapel services of the A.C.S. and A.C.G.S., and 22 boys and girls accepted Jesus Christ.

Sungei Siput MYF

The Sungei Siput branch of the MYF is one of the younger ones in Malaya and was born on September 29, 1950. At present the membership is 38. Seven members, including the President, attended the Ipoh District Rally in Sitiawan in December; four of these were Muslims. It was indeed a historic occasion for never before in the annals of the MYF have Muslims joined our young people. Five members of this MYF attended the All-Malayan MYF Institute at Penang last May. This chapter also observed MYF Week, June 3—10, during which time the Rev. H. J. Haines of the Wesley Church, Ipoh, addressed them. Special mention must also be made to the fact that friendly Christian planters living on estates near Sungei Siput have contributed generously toward this chapter's funds.

In the elections, held on July 15,

At Fairfield Chapel, Paul Hang, Jr. Secretary of District M.Y.F. serving refreshments at the social.

Mr. Poh Thin Siang was elected President, Mr. Abdul Ratnam, Vice President, Miss Fatimah, Secretary, and Mr. Arunasalam, Treasurer.

Home Mission Allotments

The MYF has been asked by the Board of Home Missions to contribute $1,000 towards the Home Missions budget for 1952. The districts have been allocated the following sums to raise:

Penang	$200
Ipoh	$200
Kuala Lumpur District	$250
Singapore District	$350

METHODIST TEACHER'S SERIES — No. 3

Mr. F. G. H. Parry

MR. F. G. H. PARRY resigned from the Malaya Methodist school system in August this year in order to take up a new appointment in Brunei, Borneo, where he becomes the Headmaster of a newly built school and has the opportunity to fill a much more important post than he has previously held.

Mr. Parry was born on July 26, 1904, in Kuala Lumpur and educated in quite a number of different institutions: Gospel Mission School and Victoria Institution, K. L.; The English School, Kuala Lipis; Lady Treacher Girls' School and King Edward VII School, Taiping; the Anglo-Chinese School, Ipoh; The Board School, Middlesborough, and The Hoe Grammar School, Plymouth, England.

He was interned in Singapore in 1945 for the last six months of the war. Mr. Parry has been connected with the Scout Movement in Selangor and Perak for 30 years and received the Certificate of Merit in 1936. He was District Scoutmaster of Ipoh 1931-1948. In 1948 he was awarded a Defence Medal and Certificate of Merit for his war services. In 1946 he was Chairman of the Perak District Celebrations Committee. After the war he was made a State Councillor and was the only Perak State Councillor to serve post-war under the B.M.A. He served on the Perak State Finance Committee 1943-1951. Mr. Parry was also a member of the Rotary Club of Ipoh and when he left for Brunei was Chairman of the Vocational Service Committee. He was active in the work of the St. John's Ambulance Association and was its Divisional Superintendent in 1940-1941. He also was the Vice President of the Y.M.C.A., in 1907-1948.

Mr. Parry began his school career in the Anglo-Chinese School, Ipoh, where he served from 1924 to 1928. Then he became the principal of the A.C.S. Sungei Siput, where he served for two years. He was also headmaster of the A.C.S. Middle School, Ipoh, 1947-1948.

His community activities have always been manifold and when he left Sungei Siput for Borneo he was connected with 22 different public organisations. Among these was the Presidency of the Perak Eurasian Association of which community he had been an outstanding leader for many years. Another type of service which he rendered to the community was membership on the Discharged Prisoners Aid Society of Perak and member of the Board of Visitors to the Old People's Home in Sungei Siput and the Mental Hospital at Tanjong Rambutan.

Mr. Parry has left an enviable record of achievement and multifarious service, particularly in Perak. Few men from his community have equalled him in either his work or his service. He will be greatly missed in many ways in Perak but he carries to Borneo our best wishes and congratulations on his new appointment. We wish for him and his family a happy period of service in a country which greatly needs men of his type and ability.

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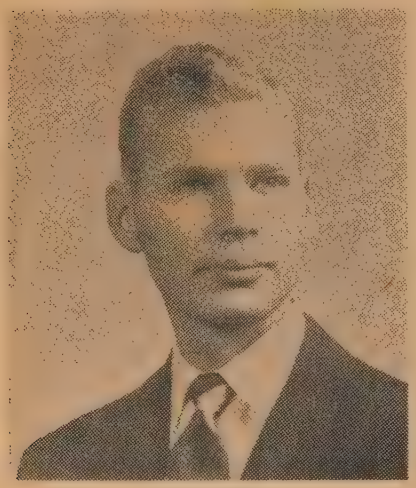

Mr. Ted Miles

Mr. Ted Miles arrived in Malaya on October 31 and has been assigned to the Methodist Boys' School in Kuala Lumpur. He is living in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. G. Teilman and assisting in the work of the Wesley Church and district. His subjects in the Methodist Boys' School are English Literature and Scripture.

Mr. Miles was born on a farm near Norborne, Missouri. He received his B.A. degree from Baker University in Kansas and preached for two years at the Hall's Summit Methodist Church near Waverly, Kansas. He has nearly completed the requirements for the M.A. degree from the State College of Washington.

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Dr. and **Mrs. M. Dodsworth** returned to Singapore from furlough on October 31 and after a brief stop journeyed on to Penang where Dr. Dodsworth has assumed the work vacated by the Rev. T. Runyan. Dr. and Mrs. Dodsworth have returned to a scene of their former labours and were warmly welcomed by the Methodists in Penang. They had been on furlough since the beginning of August, 1950, and made their home in Nooksack, Washington, U.S.A.

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The Rev. and **Mrs. Abel Eklund** returned from furlough on November 28. They stayed in Singapore a few days and then proceeded to Seremban where they are now stationed. Mr. and Mrs. Eklund spent a year and a half in S. California with Mrs. Eklund's parents and during this time both of her parents passed away, as well as a sister and her husband. Mr. Eklund was very busy visiting churches throughout the Western part of the U.S.A. on behalf of the Division of Foreign Missions while Mrs. Eklund remained at home ministering to her aged parents.

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The Rev. and **Mrs. Per Eric Lager** of Tebing Tinggi, Sumatra, announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, **Asa-Kersti Margareta,** born on October 12 at the Kaban Djahe hospital.

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Three Methodists, **Miss Ann Harder** of Penang, **Mr. Chua Cheng Chye** of Malacca and **Mr. Goh Tuck Chieng** of Singapore sailed on Sunday, December 9, on the s.s. I. L. LUCKENBACK. At first scheduled to arrive in Los Angeles on Christmas, they will arrive before New Years.

Miss Harder will spend her furlough in Southern California after serving in Penang for four years as principal of the Methodist Girls' School (Anglo Chinese Girls' School). Mr. Chua Cheng Chye, a teacher in the Methodist Boys' School (Anglo Chinese School), Malacca, is a Crusade Scholar and will study at Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee, where he will major in primary education and study music and youth work. Mr. Goh Tuck Chieng, formerly on the staff of the Singapore newspaper, *The Malaya Tribune*, will study journalism at the University of Oregon at Eugene. Mr. Goh is an active member of the Geylang English Methodist Church where he has been a teacher in the Sunday School. He has been on the cabinet of the Malayan M.Y.F. Council and an officer in the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

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Bishop and **Mrs. Richard C. Raines** of the Indiana Area visited Singapore very briefly on November 28 and 29 while en route from India to Japan. Bishop and Mrs. Raines were guests in the home of Bishop and Mrs R. L. Archer. They visited many of churches and schools in Singapore during their one-day stay.

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Mr. David Tay returned from the U.S.A. in November after having completed a two years course of study at the Fred Archer School of Photography in Los Angeles. Mr. Tay is a member of the Fairfield Chapel congregation, Singapore, and his photographs have often appeared in *The Malaysia Message*. Before returning to Singapore he visited his former pastor, the Rev. H. F. Kuehn, and Mrs. Kuehn at Rutherford College, North Carolina. His visit coincided with a visit in the Kuehns' home of **Miss Lim Poh Luan,** a scholarship student in England and also a member of the Fairfield Chapel who attended the Youth Conference at Connell University. Miss Lim is a sister of Mr. S. T. Peter Lim.

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Mr. Robert F. Maxwell, the youngest son of the late Rev. T. C. Maxwell and Mrs. Maxwell, visited Singapore November 6-8. He is a Cargo Supervisor on the Pan American World Airways System with his office in San Francisco. Mr. Maxwell's father came to Singapore in June 1916 and served as pastor of the Wesley Church until 1918. During that period he also became the editor of the Malaysia Message and was Assistant Secretary of the Malaya Annual Conference. Mrs. T. C. Maxwell is living at 2130, Ashby Ave., Berkeley, California.

The Rev. and Mrs. H. F. Kuehn, Mr. David Tay and Miss Lim Poh Luan — photo taken at the Kuehn's residence, Rutherford College, North Carolina, during a visit in their home by the two Malayan students.

Mr. J. S. Henry, a member of the Tamil Church, Klang, and a teacher in the High School, is one of twenty-five trained teachers selected from the Federation to take a year and a half of special educational training in England. Mr. Henry and the others sailed on the s.s. CHUSAN on December 12 for England.

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We wish to congratulate the following who have successfully passed the very difficult L.R.S.M. examinations recently in music. They are **Mrs. Irene Lim, Miss Ng Chiau Yong, Miss Wu Nga Chee** and **Mr. Yong Nen Kiong,** all of whom took the examination in piano. We also want to congratulate **Miss Evelyn Goh** and **Mr. George Khoo** who passed the same examination last year, Miss Goh in violin and Mr. Khoo in piano. Miss Ng and Miss Wu have taken their work in connection with their course at Trinity College. Special mention should be made of Mr. Yong Nen Kiong and Miss Evelyn Goh, for in both cases they were students in the University of Malaya and won this high grade in music at the same time that Mr. Yong was studying medicine and Miss Goh was getting her B.A. degree. Special mention also ought to be made of Mrs. Lim, who is a mother of two children and has the care of a home and yet at the same time won this coveted certificate. All of the students are *Methodist* and are graduates of our Methodist schools in Singapore and Malaya.

We also want to congratulate **Miss Lee Soo Bee,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Teck Hock of Singapore, on getting Distinction in Singing Grade VII and **Miss Jane Wu Keng Chee** of Trinity College getting Distinction in the same grade in Singing. We also wish to congratulate **Mr. George Khoo** of the Paya Lebar Methodist Church and the Anglo-Chinese School, Singapore, on getting Merit in Piano Grade VIII.

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Mr. Peter Lim Seck Tiong, on the staff of the Anlgo Chinese School, Singapore, pastor of the Fairfield Chapel Church and Secretary of Young People's Work of the Malaya Annual Conference, was in India the first week of December. He attended a Planning Committee for the World Conference of Christian Youth to be held at Kottoyan, Tranvancore, next year from December 11 – 25. Mr. Lim was elected Vice-Chairman for this World Conference.

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Mr. and **Mrs. Roy O. Daniel** announce the birth of a daughter on November 22. Mrs. Daniel is the eldest daughter of the Rev. S. S. Pakianathan, District Superintendent of the Perak District, and Mr. Daniel is the son of Mr. George O. Daniel, Secretary of the Anglican Diocese of Singapore.

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The Rev. and **Mrs. Newton Gottschall** are still happily working at Pahala, Kau, Hawaii. They write of a recent visit with Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Oschli and the Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Sullivan. We wish to correct a mistake in a "personal" sometime ago, in which we stated that Mr. and Mrs Sullivan have retired. They assure the editor that they are still working very hard and have not yet accepted the retired relationship.

The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. L. Oechsli, the Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Sullivan, and the Rev. and Mrs. N. Gottschall photographed in Hawaii, where they are working for the Division of Home Missions. They were all former missionaries in Malaya and Sumatra.

Miss Hew Khooi Yin

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Miss Hew Khooi Yin, who is on the staff of the Anglo-Chinese Girl's School, Ipoh, has been awarded a Departmental Scholarship for a three-year Froebel Course in England. Miss Hew is a former pupil of the school and passed her School Certificate Examination in 1939 obtaining a Grade I Certificate with distinctions in English Language, English Literature, Geography, History and Mathematics. On leaving school she entered Raffles College but her studies there were interrupted and immediately after the war she joined the school and took the Normal Training Course. Miss Hew has the distinction of being a member of the Public Library from the time it was arganised and at present is an active member of the Library Committee.

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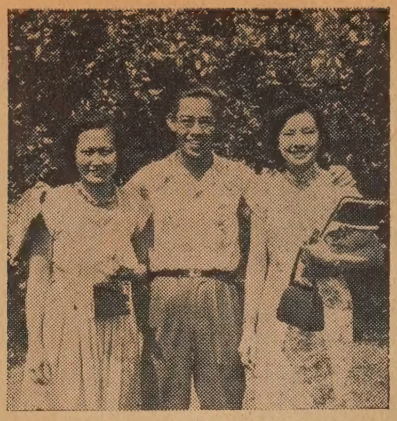
Miss Mary Olson, who retired from Malaya some years before the war, is now living in a Methodist home at 1701 Bryant Ave. South, Minneapolis 8, Minnesota. In a recent letter to friends she states that she will be 78 years old in November. She is still quite active and is happy with the associations that she has in this home for the aged which is supported by *The Methodist Church.*

Miss Olson gave most of her long period of service in Malaya to the Fairfield Girls' School and the Methodist Girls' School. The Fairfield Girls' School was first called the Telok Ayer Girl's School and was developed into the present fine school under her capable hands. At first the school was housed in one rented building after another. Finally in 1911 Miss Olson was able to begin build-



Rosalind Lim, Syn Wai Yun and Daisy Yee — all from Singapore in the U.S.A.

ing the front part of the present building and in 1912 the school moved into it. Ten years later another block of six classrooms was added to the main building. After this Miss Olson became the principal of the Methodist Girls' School, which was then located in a building in Short Street, opposite the present the central six-class room building on Mt. Sophia. In 1933 the Short Street building was sold and the present eight-room Primary building was begun. In 1938 Miss Olson opened the Methodist Girls' School at Kuantan. It had an enrolment of 70 girls, and at the following Annual Conference she retired from Malaya.

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Miss Rosalind Lim Geok Looi, now a Junior in Northern Michigan College of Education at Marquette, spent a very happy and useful summer as counsellor and teacher in Methodist Youth Camps in Michigan and Indiana. Immediately after the closing of the College in June she went to Chicago where she was a guest in the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. L. McLaughlin. Then she went to Middleville, Michigan, where she was in a camp for little children. From there she went to Louistown, Indiana. At this camp there were various age groups, one age group a week. During the week for the high school youngsters it rained so heavily that the entire place was flooded. One of the interesting excursions was a visit to New Salem, Kentucky, the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln. Her last camp was at the well-known Battleground Camping Grounds just outside the university city of Lafayette. A famous battle had taken place on these grounds between the American Indians and the American Forces. At a beauty contest held during this camp Rosalind was selected and crowned as *Queen of the Battleground for 1951.* The candidates were graded on poise, carriage, personality, as well as beauty.

Geok Looi upon her return to her College in Marquette, Michigan, was *elected* the *Queen of the Campus* for 1951 and she has taken the name of *Queen Jade* for Jade is the nickname by which she is known on the campus. The coronation of the King and Queen was sponsored by the Phi Kappa Nu.

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Mr. Mathew Abraham of Singapore and **Miss Daisy Appaduray** of Ipoh were united in marriage on Monday, December 10, at 4 p.m. in the Trinity College Chapel, Singapore. Dr. H. B. Amstutz officiated. Miss Appaduray was given away by her father, the Rev. J. Appaduray of Ipoh. Her sister Mildred was the bridesmaid and Mr. Geasrey Abisheganaden was the best man. Mr. Abraham is a lawyer and the couple will be making their home in Singapore.

Miss Appaduray comes from a very well known Methodist family. Her father has taught for many years in the Anglo Chinese School, Ipoh. He has also been very active in the work of the Tamil Churches as a local preacher and supply pastor. For a period of time he was also Principal of the Mehodist Afternoon School, Kuala Lumpur.

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Rev. V. B. Paranjothy, who for two different periods served our church in Malaya, is now the Garrison Chaplain at Trimulgherry, India. This is a Telegu area and the work he is doing has to be carried on in four languages: Tamil, Telugu. Malayalam and Urdu. Besides that he holds regular services of worship in the English language for the officers and nurses, many of whom are Anglo-Indians. The **Rev. V. A. Subramaniam** of Malacca, while on leave in India, visited him during the month of September. Mr. Paranjothy is a regular subscriber to *The Malaysia Message* and writes appreciatively of how this magazine helps him to keep in touch with his old friends and work in Malaya.

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Rev. and **Mrs. Haniel Jones** of 256 Creek Street, Rangoon, Burma, announce the birth of a son, **Edwin Eugene,** born on August 28 in Rangoon. Edwin Eugene has two sisters, **Sylvia** aged 6, and **Joyce** aged 3½.

Mr. Jones has been appointed Mission Treasurer in place of the **Rev. H. J. Harwood** who has returned to the U.S.A. for a new assignment in the office of the Division of Foreign Missions in New York city. Mr. and Mrs. Jones arrived in Burma in November 1949. He has previously served as a Methodist minister in Alabama. Mr. Jones will be known to the readers of the Malaysia Message for he has contributed an article in the Burma Bulletin.

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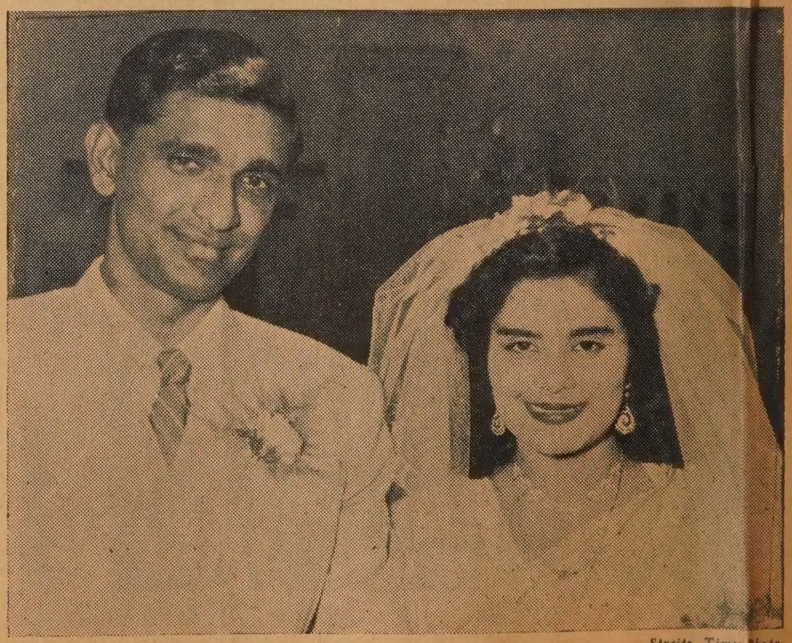
Bishop Carleton Lacy died in Foochow, China, on December 11 according to a cable received by his elder brother, the Rev. Henry V. Lacy of Singapore. The government refused to let the Bishop leave the city even though he was unwell and had asked for an exit permit long ago. The Bishop joins the long list of martyrs of the Church in China and his untimely death will be mourned all over the world. The Bishop comes from an old missionary family and was buried beside his father in the family plot of the Christian cemetery.



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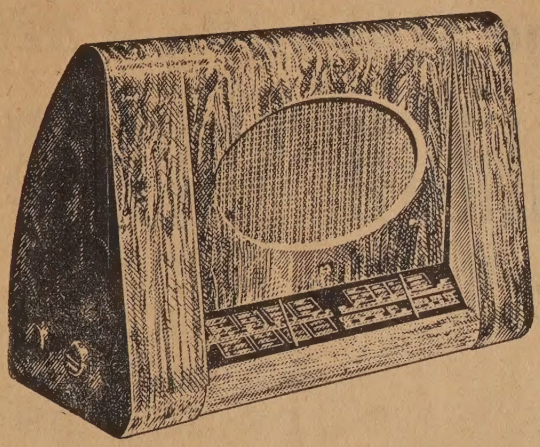

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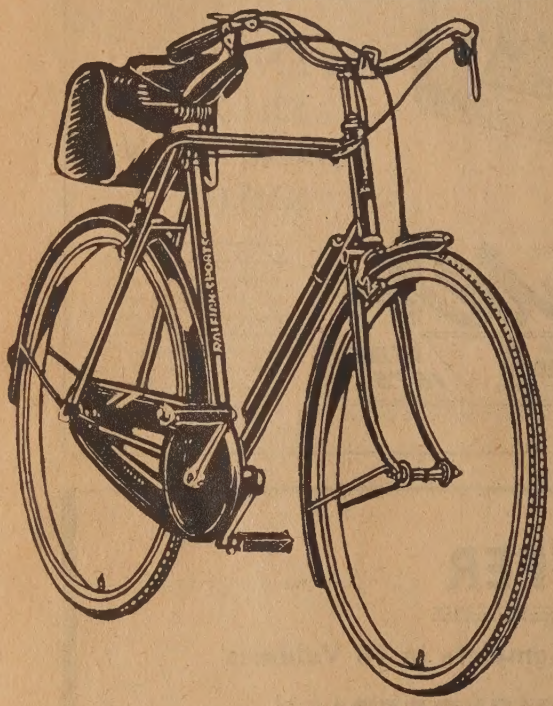

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